

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows as set forth in the following Listing of the Claims. This Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1.(Currently Amended) A gas detector comprising:
 at least one source of infrared radiation;
 at least two analytical detectors, each analytical detector adapted to provide an output signal indicative of a first gas of interest, said analytical detectors being positioned to receive radiation from said source of radiation;
 at least one reference detector adapted to provide an output signal independent of the first gas of interest;
 a means for summing said output signals detected by said at least two analytical detectors; and
 a sample chamber for receiving a gaseous sample,
 the optical path from said source of infrared radiation to said analytical detectors passing through said sample chamber.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said at least two analytical detectors further comprise said means for summing.

4. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said ~~summing~~ means for summing comprises summing amplifier.

5. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said ~~summing~~ means for summing comprises a summing node.

6. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said summing means for summing comprises an analog summing node.

7. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said summing means for summing comprises a digital summing node.

8. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 2 1, wherein said summing means for summing comprises a microprocessor.

9. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 1, further comprising an interference filter positioned to filter radiation received by at least one of said at least two analytical detectors.

10. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said at least one source of infrared radiation comprises at least one of heated filament, a black body source, and light emitting diode.

11. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said at least one source of infrared radiation comprises an incandescent lamp.

12. (Currently Amended) The gas detector of claim 1, wherein said at least one source of infrared radiation consists of one source of infrared radiation.

13. (Original) The gas detector of claim 1 comprising at least three analytical detectors.

14. (Original) The gas detector of claim 1 comprising at least four analytical detectors.

15. (Original) The gas detector of claim 1 further comprising at least two additional analytical detectors, said at least two additional analytical detectors adapted to

provide an output signal indicative of a second gas of interest, the second gas of interest being different from the first gas of interest.

16. (Original) The gas detector of claim 1, wherein a filter interposed between the at least one source of infrared radiation and each analytical detector, the filter being adapted to transmit infrared radiation of a first band of wavelengths, said first band of wavelengths corresponding to radiation of a wavelength absorbed by the first gas of interest.

17. (Original) The gas detector of claim 15, wherein a filter is interposed between the at least one source of infrared radiation and each additional analytical detector, the filter being adapted to transmit radiation of a second band of wavelengths, said second band of wavelengths corresponding to radiation of a wavelength absorbed by the second gas of interest.

18. (Original) The gas detector of claim 15, wherein a filter is interposed between the at least one source of infrared radiation and each reference detector, each filter being adapted to transmit radiation of a third band of wavelengths, the third band of wavelengths corresponding to radiation of a wavelength that is not absorbed by the first gas of interest and the second gas of interest.

19. (Original) The gas detector of claim 1, further comprising a microprocessor for receiving and analyzing signals generated by the analytical detectors.

20. (Currently Amended) A gas detector for detecting a predetermined gas, the gas detector comprising:
a source of infrared radiation; and
a plurality of infrared radiation detectors, at least two of said infrared radiation detectors being adapted to detect radiation of a first wavelength and being adapted to provide an output signal corresponding to the presence of the gas of interest; and

a means for summing said output signals generated by said analytical detectors.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) A method of detecting gas using a gas detector comprising
a source of infrared radiation,
at least two analytical detectors, each of said at least two analytical
detectors being adapted to generate a signal indicative of a first gas of interest, a
sample chamber, and

an optical path passing through said sample chamber,
the method comprising:

transmitting infrared radiation from said source of infrared
radiation through a gaseous sample present in the sample chamber of said
gas detector;

detecting infrared radiation of a predetermined wavelength at said
analytical detectors;

sending a signal from said analytical detectors to a processor; and
summing the signals from said analytical detectors.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said summing occurs in said
analytical detectors

24. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said summing occurs in a
processor.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said summing occurs prior to
said analytical detectors sending a signal to said processor.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein said summing occurs after said
analytical detectors send a signal to said processor.

27. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein radiation from the source of infrared radiation that is incident on the analytical detectors is essentially unreflected from surfaces interposed between the analytical detectors and the source of infrared radiation.

28. (Original) A method of analyzing a gaseous sample, the method comprising:
passing the gaseous sample through the sample chamber of a gas detector comprising

at least one source of infrared radiation,

at least two analytical detectors, each analytical detector being adapted to provide an output signal indicative of a first gas of interest, said analytical detectors being positioned to receive radiation from said source of radiation, and

a sample chamber;

radiating the gaseous sample with radiation from said source of infrared radiation;

detecting said radiation at said analytical detectors;

generating signals corresponding to said detected radiation;

summing signals generated by said analytical detectors; and

analyzing the signals generated by the detectors.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the analyzing comprises determining the presence or absence of a first gas of interest in the gaseous sample.

30. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the analyzing comprises determining the concentration of a first gas of interest in the gaseous sample.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the analyzing comprises
determining the concentration of the first gas of interest, and
determining the concentration of a second gas of interest.